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For: **Method and System for Issuing  
Insurance Underwriting Instruments**

Date: **February 22, 2002**

**DECLARATION OF JANE E. ALEXANDER**

I, Jane E. Alexander, a citizen of the United States of America, registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and residing in Yardley, Pennsylvania, hereby declare:

1. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

2. On January 14, 2002, I sent a letter (Exhibit A) and enclosed a complete copy of the application as filed via Certified Mail, return receipt requested, to Mr. John Burke, at 104 Johnny Cake Lane, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033, the last known address of Mr. Burke.

3. Enclosed with a copy of the application was a copy of a Declaration to be signed by Mr. Burke.

4. The letter was received by Mr. Burke, as indicated by the enclosed copy of the signed receipt (Exhibit B).

5. On February 15, 2002, I spoke with Mr. Burke on the telephone.

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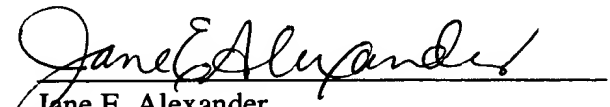
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6. Mr. Burke told me he would not be signing the Declaration that I forwarded to him, as he did not believe he had an obligation to sign.

7. Mr. Burke also faxed a letter dated February 15, 2002, further indicating his refusal to sign (Exhibit C).

8. Based on the foregoing, the non-signing inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal to sign under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).

  
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